

cial and economic interests. The commercial wings have undertaken an aggressive drive to increase our exports, to attract foreign investment and to channelise latest technology. An attempt has also been made to forge closer links with the major regional economic groupings, including the Association of South-East Asian National (ASEAN) and the European Community.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Foreign Service Training Institute regularly conducts refresher courses for our commercial representatives abroad to equip them better for the task of promoting our economic and commercial interests.

(d) The Government assesses, on a continuing basis, the strength and functioning of the economic and commercial wings in our Missions and Posts abroad. Computers and other facilities have been provided, wherever required, to reinforce the economic and commercial wings. Posts have also been reallocated, within the overall strength of the Ministry, to meet the requirements of actively promoting our exports and pursuing our economic interests abroad.

International Conference on Goats

6776. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an International Conference on goats was organised in Delhi;

(b) if so, the recommendation made at the Conference;

(c) the recommendations relevant to Indian context; and

(d) the follow-up action taken to implement these recommendations;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir. An International Conference on Goats was organised by the Indian Society for Sheep and Goat Production and Utilization in collaboration with the International Goat Association.

(b) The recommendations have not been received by the Government.

(c) and (d). Does not arise.

Increase in Production of Gas

6777. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate natural gas deposits in the country; State-wise;

(b) the new natural gas deposits discovered during each of the last three years;

(c) whether the Government have any propel to increase the production of natural gas; and

(d) if so, the specific steps proposed to be taken to step up gas field during the Eighth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKAR-ANAND): (a) As on 1.1.91, the estimated recoverable reserves are as follows:—

State	(Billion cu. mts.)
Gujarat	117.1
Rajasthan	3.6

State	(Billion cu. mts.)
Tripura	10.6
Assam	147.8
Nagaland	0.9
Andhra Pradesh	25.8
Tamil Nadu	2.2
Arunachal Pradesh	4.1
East Coast Offshore	13.9
West Coast Offshore	535.9

(b) Approximately 8.27 and 6.79 billion cu. mts. recoverable reserves were established in the year 1989-90 and 1990-91 respectively. Discoveries during 1991-92 are under appraisal.

(c) and (d). Various project such as development of the Neelam Mukta, Panna, Gnadhar and R-15-A oilfields, and Enhanced Oil recovery from the L-II and L-III reservoirs in the Bombay High fields which will also lead to increased production of gas are to be implemented during the 8th plan.

Registered Insecticides Units

6778. SHRI MOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of insecticides units registered with the Registration Committee of Central Insecticides Board U/s 9 (3), 9 (3B) and 9 (4) of the Insecticide Act; and

(b) the number of applications pending before the Registration committee for grant

of registration U/s 9 (3), 9 (3B) and 9 (4) of the Insecticides Act as on March 31, 1992?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The Registration Committee (not the Central Insecticides Board) set up under the Insecticides Act, 1968 grants Registration to Insecticides after satisfying itself about their efficacy; and safety to human beings, animals and environment. The number of Insecticides registered under Section 9 (3), 9 (3b) and 9 (4) are 134.27 and 110 respectively. However Units manufacturing insecticides are not registered by the Registration Committee under this Act.

(b) The number of applications pending with the Registration Committee for grant of registration as on 31st March, 1992 are as under:-

9 (3)	-	33
9 (3b)	-	36
9 (4)	-	727